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## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ADMISSION**

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*Policy Code: 4110*

The Board requires all students (PreK-12) to meet the eligibility requirements for school admission established by the State and the Board, including immunization.

Within 30 calendar days of their first enrollment date, all pupils must show evidence of immunization against tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, red measles, German measles (rubella), mumps, Hepatitis B, poliomyelitis and Varicella . According to the North Carolina Immunization law, students entering the sixth grade for the first time must also have an additional vaccine of TDap effective school year 2008-2009. Such evidence must be shown in the form of a certificate furnished by a licensed physician, a licensed nurse practitioner, or by the health department. If the required immunizations have not been completed, the child must be in the process of completion. This must be verified in writing by the health care provider administering immunizations to the child. This verification should include the date of the last vaccine given and the date of the next scheduled vaccine. Certificates of immunization from other states may be accepted with the individual dates required only for the first MMR and the last dose of polio and DTP. Vaccines given in North Carolina require the dates of all doses.

Principals are required to refuse admittance to any child whose parent or guardian does not present a birth certificate or other satisfactory evidence of birth and a medical certification of proper immunizations within the allotted time. Exceptions are made for homeless students under the McKinney-Vento Act. Additionally, exceptions to the immunization requirement may be made for religious reasons or for medical reasons approved by a physician. A signed, dated letter (or copy) must be in the student's permanent record regarding the exception to the immunization requirement.

The school shall maintain on file information required for a certificate of immunization. These immunization records shall be open to inspection by the local health department (N.C. G.S. 130A 153-155). Within sixty calendar days after commencement of a new school year, the school shall file a kindergarten-first grade immunization status report with the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources.

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